

I subscribed to XM satellite radio about eight months ago and enjoy it greatly. It offers my better, more reliable choices in radio programming, with excellent audio quality. It's the best innovation in radio since the advent of stereo. Actually it's the ONLY new innovation since then!

The NAB is way off base as they were when television took over the home entertainment. Rather than offer competition, they run to their cronies in Congress and try to stifle progress. They have no right to dictate what I want to listen to.

If the NAB wants to compete, they need to push for digital AM and FM, as a true alternative to satellite broadcasting. Even with this needed improvement to terrestrial broadcasting, it would not free me up from annoying advertising, and would not allow me to drive across the US with uninterrupted programming.

As a long time Amateur Radio operator, I urge the FCC to reject NAB's petition 04-160 and to support satellite broadcasting ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

By the way, restructuring Amateur Radio licensing to promote growth and protecting the Amateur spectrum is also a wonderful idea.

Sincerely,

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